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## Youth Education is our priority!



ORANJESTAD – Several organizations united to organize an event for students of various elementary schools, with the goal of supporting the education of local children.

Conscious of their responsibility to the community they created a special initiative, an event with the goal of raising awareness amongst elementary school students about the importance of their education.

On Saturday, 13th of June, 2009, a group of 100 students from local elementary schools Colegio Santa Teresita, Commandeur Pieter Boer School, Maria Regina School, St. Michael School, Kukwisa School and Colegio Cristo Rey were invited to attend an event titled "Education, our priority". The event took place at the Oroubo Plaza adjacent to the central Bus Station in town, from 10:30 in the morning to 12 noon. Arubus transported all the students from their schools to Oroubo Plaza.

The kids enjoyed a program that was created to entertain them, but with an educational content, design to awaken the kids attention as to the

importance of a quality education.

Milly Lacle, Director of Oroubo Plaza, emphasized that every child is capable of being successful in their school studies. Our schools are aware of students' need to develop themselves at the highest level, she said. However, kids must be motivated and they require an entire community to stimulate and encourage them from within, repeatedly tell them how important a good education is for their development and their future. Extra efforts help children achieve successful careers. At the same time it is helpful to remind adults that it is a good idea to reward children for their diligent work, in order to keep their flames stoked so that they continue to do well at school.

"It is extremely important to inform and make children aware from an early age about the value of having a good education. They must be aware that by going to school they are investing in their future and preparing for their adulthood," the Director of Aruba Bank, Mr. Edwin Tromp, emphasized during the opening of the event.



Our island offers various possibilities to continue studying, but the decision to place their best foot forward and study seriously lies with the students themselves. This is why it is important to continuously guide and motivate children from elementary school, through higher education, never to lose sight of their personal goal.

The general thinking that education is only the responsibility of the Government is wrong, as a community we must all contribute to the development of our youngsters. They are the future leaders of our country. Our contribution must not only take material form, but it is important

that professionals in our community also invest their time and talents to help motivate children develop successfully, Nataly Simmons and Mayra Janga from Aruba Bank pointed out.

During the event at Oroubo Plaza valuable messages were shared with the children such as always give priority to schooling, pay attention in class, ask questions, do your homework, study ahead of time so that you always get good grades and prepare for tests. Establish your goal, if you already know what you want to become in the future, work hard for it and learn everything that you can learn, at school and on your own.

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*Moby Dick's offers Free samples of the menu from 6 - 8 pm*

## Calling all Mermaids: Moby Dick's launches "Mussels Monte Carlo"

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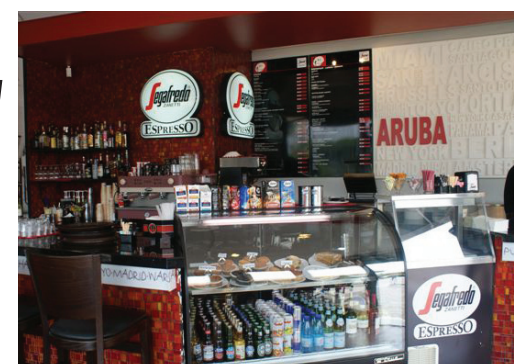
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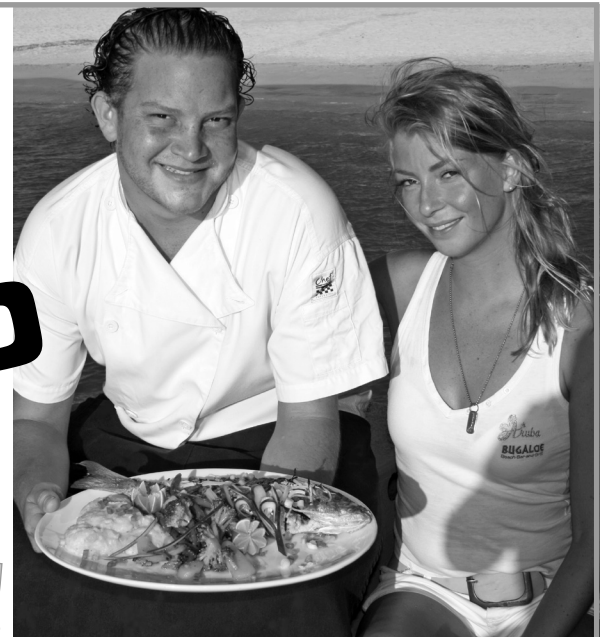
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## More Creative Activity at the Palm Beach Plaza



Palm Beach – This week the Palm Beach Plaza noted a happy event, the significant demobilization of its construction company Albo NV, as it started dismantling equipment and moving its construction office-trailer off the property on Palm Beach.

Albo NV was clearly done with the building phase of the plaza, and was vacating the site at the end of the last stage of

construction. his week also saw keys delivered to a family of local entrepreneurs, Mr. Leal, and his two dynamic kids, Orangel and Vanessa who collected the keys to their new store, Muaa, a famous concept store carrying adolescent fashions, popular in Latin America, offering both boys' and girls' clothes and accessories for a personalized look, including watches, eyewear, fragrances,

shoes and the novel Muaa Pink.

Muua also boasts a fun interactive website, in the style of Facebook, offering a social online community. Muua, hailing from Colombia, is a responsible social and environmental enterprise, teaching kids to recycle and conserve, and do their share toward global preservation.

The Palm Beach Plaza new tenants are working hard and completing the interiors of their new businesses in preparation of the upcoming inauguration of the Palm Beach Plaza as a major attraction, this fall, says Mall Manager Alex Otterspeer.

Last week, the Palm Beach Plaza tenants picked up keys for Shivas Gold & Gems, Mimo's Ice Cream, Havana Cigar & Spirit Bar, Mama's Mexico Restaurant and Mama's Mexico Fruit & Cocktail Bar, Monarch Jewels, the Post Office branch and Sir James House of Coffee. Otterspeer delivered a festive bottle of champagne to go with every set of new shiny keys.

"Aruba's no.1 attraction is the beach," says Ash Ramchandani

on behalf of Landy NV who developed the project with a fifty million florin investment, "and Aruba's no. 2 attraction is opening soon, the Palm Beach Plaza which offers so much more than just shopping, with 15,000 m2 of

fine dining, and entertainment, as the largest mall in the Southern Caribbean."

Pictured here Albo NV on its journey out and MUAA on its way in.



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*As per its mid-year report*

# ATSA continues to make positive strides for Aruba's timeshare

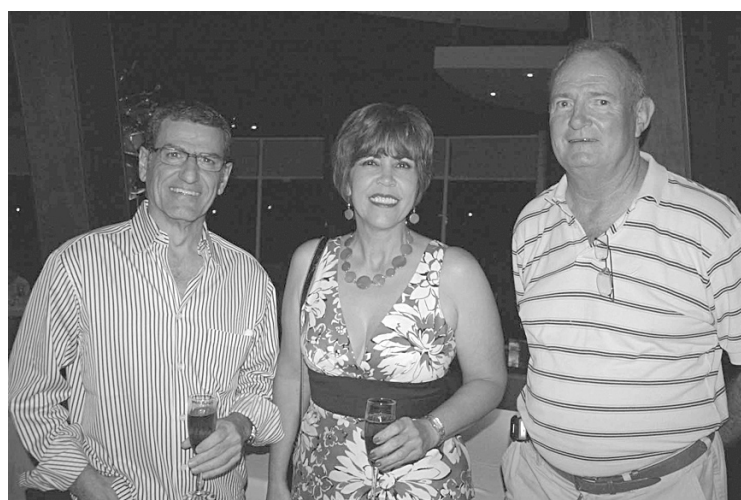
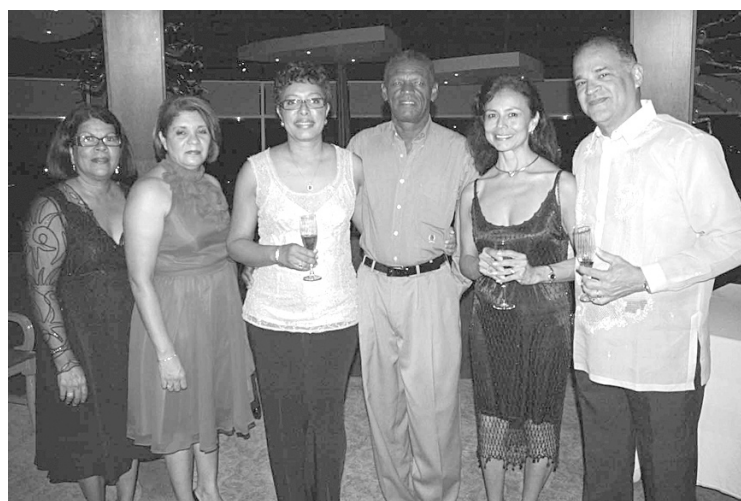


ORANJESTAD – Members of the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) maintain a close working relationship in carrying out shared goals for Aruba and its timeshare industry, with timeshare owners now representing almost 50% of the island's

visitors. According to the recently-released mid-year report of its cooperative efforts, several projects and actions this year have already contributed to strengthening bonds within the association, with the community and for the benefit of Aruba's already

solid timeshare industry and its timeshare owners.

The launch of this year's projects was marked with strong attendance at an association get-together at Windows on Aruba, at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort, back in January. Participating in ATSA include representatives from the timeshare properties of Marriott's Aruba Surf Club, Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, Casa del Mar, Costa Linda Beach Resort, Aruba Beach Club, La Quinta, Paradise Beach Villas, Caribbean Palm Village, Amsterdam Manor, Divi Aruba Phoenix, Renaissance, Occidental and Playa Linda Beach Resort as well as De Palm Tours.



In 2009, ATSA continues to remain active in timeshare as well as the overall tourism industry, building on its past efforts, which include the "White Paper" report on the industry, which took into consideration Aruba particular circumstances, current conditions and changing trends. After a two-year research and brainstorming effort conducted together with the University of Aruba and with a think tank composed of community and industry leaders, ATSA had provided the presentation of results in December of last year. The "White Paper" proved informative in outlining opportunities still present

in today's economy, and in stimulating ideas on how to meet current challenges in order to ensure continued success.

Constructive dialogue continues this year as exhibited through the recent exchange among ATSA members and representatives from Interval International (II), a leading global provider of vacation services. Discussions, encompassing an update on the industry on a regional scale, were led by Neil Kolton, II's Caribbean region manager, who also presented an overview of Interval's products and programs.

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In remaining active in the industry as well as the community, ATSA recently presented a donation to Animal Rights Aruba (ARA), establishing itself as a silver-level sponsor for the second year in a row. ATSA also recently provided a donation to the Women's Club to assist the group on its awareness campaign in teaching school-age children to "Refuse, Re-use, Reduce, Recycle and Reforest".

ATSA itself received an injection of funds with the annual contribution provided this year by "Aruba Experience". The attractive, individualized "Aruba Experience" island guides are found in each room of Aruba's timeshare resorts. A portion of advertising earnings goes directly to the association in helping to maintain its many worthwhile efforts. Aruba Experience Publisher Piet Janssen recently presented the check to the ATSA board.



In further bringing about positive change, ATSA will continue with several projects slated for 2009, among them is the island-wide review of timeshare properties that will be conducted by the Freeman Group. ATSA efforts, to ensure a quality vacation ownership experience and to strengthen Aruba's tourism, will continue to be led by board members and industry veterans, ATSA President Jan van Nes, Treasurer Andy Osbourne and Secretary Aisa van der Biezen.

Established in 1994, ATSA is the recognized voice and legal entity representing the special interests of vacation ownership in Aruba. The

association's membership includes timeshare properties and condo co-op associations. It works on a local level, as a supporting member of AHATA, the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, and with other local organizations as well as government entities. On a regional level, where Aruba continues to receive recognition as a model timeshare destination, ATSA continues to strengthen its ties with CHA, the Caribbean Hotel Association and the recently formed CARD, Caribbean Association of Resort Developers and it's Caribbean partner, ARDA, the American Resort Developers Association.



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*At Café the Plaza's herring party*

## Fat, tasty and healthy: the Dutch new herrings



ORANJESTAD - Three hundred new herrings slid easily into hungry throats last Saturday at Café the Plaza's herring party. The arrival of the first herrings on Aruba, always a festive event, had taken place earlier, but judging from the delight on

the fish lovers' faces, that did not diminish their enjoyment of a few more of the delicacy.

This year's catch is excellent, tell herring connoisseurs: fat and tasty. Dipped into chopped onions, the raw herring's taste is enhanced. While herrings used to be 'poor man's food', they are

now hot to trot and the crème de la crème of Dutch society raves about it.

At Café the Plaza the herrings (and 'lekkerbekjes', another delicacy) were just the start of an evening of fun: the music by popular band Tsunami made everyone swing, dance and salsa.

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## Turtle Cove launches business or pleasure lunch menu



ORANJESTAD – Locals are joining visitors for lunch in town at the Turtle Cove, an excellent spot to restore and refresh, right in the heart of Oranjestad.

Located on the second floor of Aruba's central bus terminal, at the Oroubo Plaza, the colorful tropical café now offers new lunch entrees served in a genuine Caribbean ambiance, in an alfresco setting.

Try the Curried Mango Chicken, or the Curried Shrimp, the fresh Fish Creole, Steak in mushroom sauce, or the Salmon in creamy garlic, served with steamed vegetables, fried banana, French fries or saffron rice, during your next business meeting and you will witness your associates relaxed and willing, combining business with pleasure, pampered by caring and courteous service, and easy-on-the-pocket prices. Jose Lacle, at the helm of the Turtle Cove, is an expert of regional recipes and he puts his vast knowledge of Caribbean food to work at the restaurant.

Beside Fish & Seafood the menu also featured many light appetizers such as escargots and ceviche, and delivers a sinful Fried Cheese Cake, served with a cool scoop of vanilla ice cream, which should be outlawed by the diet police, if they knew about it.

The large round bar shows sports on TV most hours of the day paired with an ongoing \$2 beer happy-hour. The café enjoys ample parking, right below, at the central bus stop.





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The Oroubo Plaza event presented short speeches and fun presentations of three exemplary young members of our community. Two of the speakers have distinguished themselves in the world of sports; Shanayah Howell, the BMX cyclist who is known for her achievements around the world and young athlete Valerie Eman, a professional swimmer who has participated in hundreds of international swimming competitions. There was also a presentation by another youngster, the popular rap singer Biggy Boy, who entertained the kids with his songs, amplified by the sound of Thunder & Lightning.

Guests enjoyed a clown parade, organized by Party Animals, as the Oroubo Plaza transformed into a playground with a fantasy of balloons, courtesy of Ideas Flowershop.

Tessa Pieters, producer and presenter of the popular program "Trend Alert" on ATV, and a mother of two, served as the master of ceremonies, delivering very positive messages to the children.

As the morning came to an end each child received a school bag filled with school supplies, which they will be able to use in the new school year.



The event was a complete success. The kids were made aware of how important their school education is and were advised to put school in first place. They were very happy with their bag full of school supplies, with the snacks and juice served, the music, and the fun. Hopefully they will start the new school year, motivated and well prepared.

Oroubo Plaza and Aruba Bank would like to thank Arubus, Party Animals, Ideas Flowershop, Thunder & Lightning and The Turtle Cove Restaurant for their great support, which led to the tremendous presentation. This time the topic of "Education, our priority" was chosen as the central theme. The sponsors would like to thank the three youngsters, Shanayah, Valerie and Biggy Boy, as well as Minister Edison Briesen, Tessa Pietersz and publicist Rona Coster who freely gave their support in making the event "Education, our Priority" a success.





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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a gardenful of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables," Chef Marc says. With a smile he adds "And that just for US\$ 20!"

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*From Toronto, Canada*

# Keith & Kate tie the knot in Paradise



RADISSON- Keith Taylor & Kate Fitzsimmons tied the knot at Radisson Aruba Resort. The lovebirds from Toronto Canada met five years ago at a bar. Their first date was eating nacho's and some beers and getting to know one another. After four years of friendship, love and laughter Keith knew it was time to ask Kate for her hand. They had a weekend getaway planned last June 2008 at a Bread and Breakfast. That evening at dinner Keith proposed to Kate.

Their wedding plans were underway and Mexico was the destination. Just until a few weeks ago everything was perfect until planes were grounded from entering Mexico because of the swine flu. Kate & Keith were offered several options and Aruba was chosen. Their wedding coordinator, Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba, worked her magic and created everything that they desired.

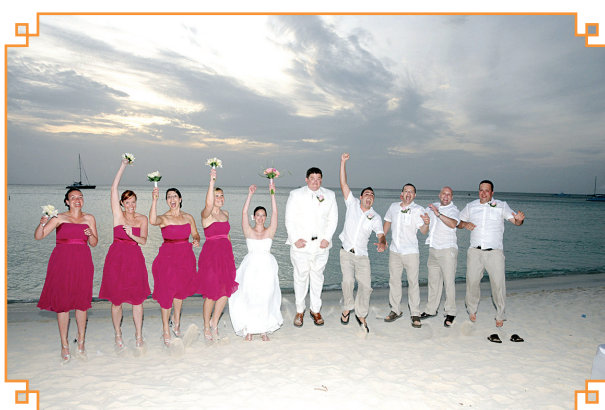
The beach blessing took place on June 11, 2009 at Radisson Aruba Resort. The ceremony was delivered by Andy Osbourne and witnessed by 41 guests. The wedding was absolutely spectacular with great ambiance, lush gardens and a pristine beach. The newlyweds exchanged vows and rings and were announced Mr. & Mrs. Taylor.

As the sunset behind the horizon, "Bella Aruba Photography was there to capture those special Once in a Lifetime Memories."



The reception took place immediately following at Radisson's Pool deck. The bridal party and newlyweds were announced which followed by their first dance, champagne toast and speeches. Dinner was immediately served and the guests enjoyed an evening dancing under the stars.

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At Casa Tua Barcelona

# Designer Eva Zissu celebrates her birthday

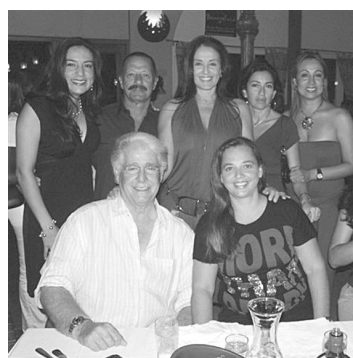


ORANJESTAD – Designer Eva Zissu, of handbags and accessories fame celebrated her birthday at Casa Tua Barcelona at the heart on town Friday, during the restaurants live Flamenco music & Paella night.

The Fiesta Espanola at Casa Tua Barcelona fit in nicely with the former model, turned buyer, turned boutique owner, turned handbag designer, who is a native of Caracas and a part-time resident of Aruba.

Eva, an independent designer with her own label who participated last year in the NY fashion week – you can buy her striking creations online – enjoyed the Bodega ambiance created by beautiful flamenco singer Angela Croes, over sangria and paella in the company of good friends.

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## Karin defended her thesis successfully

ORANJESTAD -- Karin Caballero completed her internship at Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba successfully and topped it off with an excellent presentation at the University of Aruba on June 10, 2009. The young scholar defended her thesis "AssetLiabilityManagement," in a most profound and interesting manner, report her proud colleagues at Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba.

She is seen here in the picture in the classroom at the University of Aruba with Angelo Brete, Reint Schutter, Sanaa Bergen-Baroud, Executive Director PFTSA & Luz Marina Kwidama.

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# Climate change blamed for Caribbean coral deaths

Climate change has contributed to a flattening of the complex, multi-layered architecture of Caribbean coral reefs, compromising their role as a nursery for fish stocks and a buffer against tropical storms, a study shows. The analysis of 500 surveys of 200 reefs, conducted between 1969 and 2008, showed the most complex types of reef had been virtually wiped out across the entire Caribbean. Such reefs – typified by Table Corals of over 1 metre across and huge antler-shaped Staghorn Corals – act as a sanctuary for local fish stocks and a hunting ground for larger, commercially fished species. Many have been replaced with the flattest types of rubble-strewn reef, which now cover about three quarters of the Caribbean's reef area, up from about a fifth in the 1970s, said the study, published in the Royal Society journal Biology Letters. The biggest impact has occurred in the last decade, said the report by researchers from Britain's University of East Anglia and Canada's Simon Fraser University. Flatter reefs are also less effective in protecting coastal homes and villages from storm swells and tidal surges.

# U.S. should do more to compete with Cuba's student programs

CARIBBEAN - The House of Representatives approved a proposal last week to dramatically increase the number of U.S. college students studying in Latin America and other parts of the developing world. That's great but it would be even better if it also increased the number of foreign students studying in the United States. In that, Washington should keep a close eye on Cuba. Let's start with the proposal to send more U.S. students abroad, known as the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Act. Under the plan, included in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act approved by the House on Wednesday, the U.S. government would quadruple to one million a year the number of U.S. college students who study abroad over the next 10 years. There is little question that the United States needs to increase its connections with developing countries to stay competitive in a global economy. Right now, only 0.3 percent of U.S. college students study abroad, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). U.S. officials say the

passed by the House would only add an estimated 200 students from the region a year under a program for indigenous people from Mexico and Central America, and a still to be determined additional number of students from English-speaking Caribbean countries.

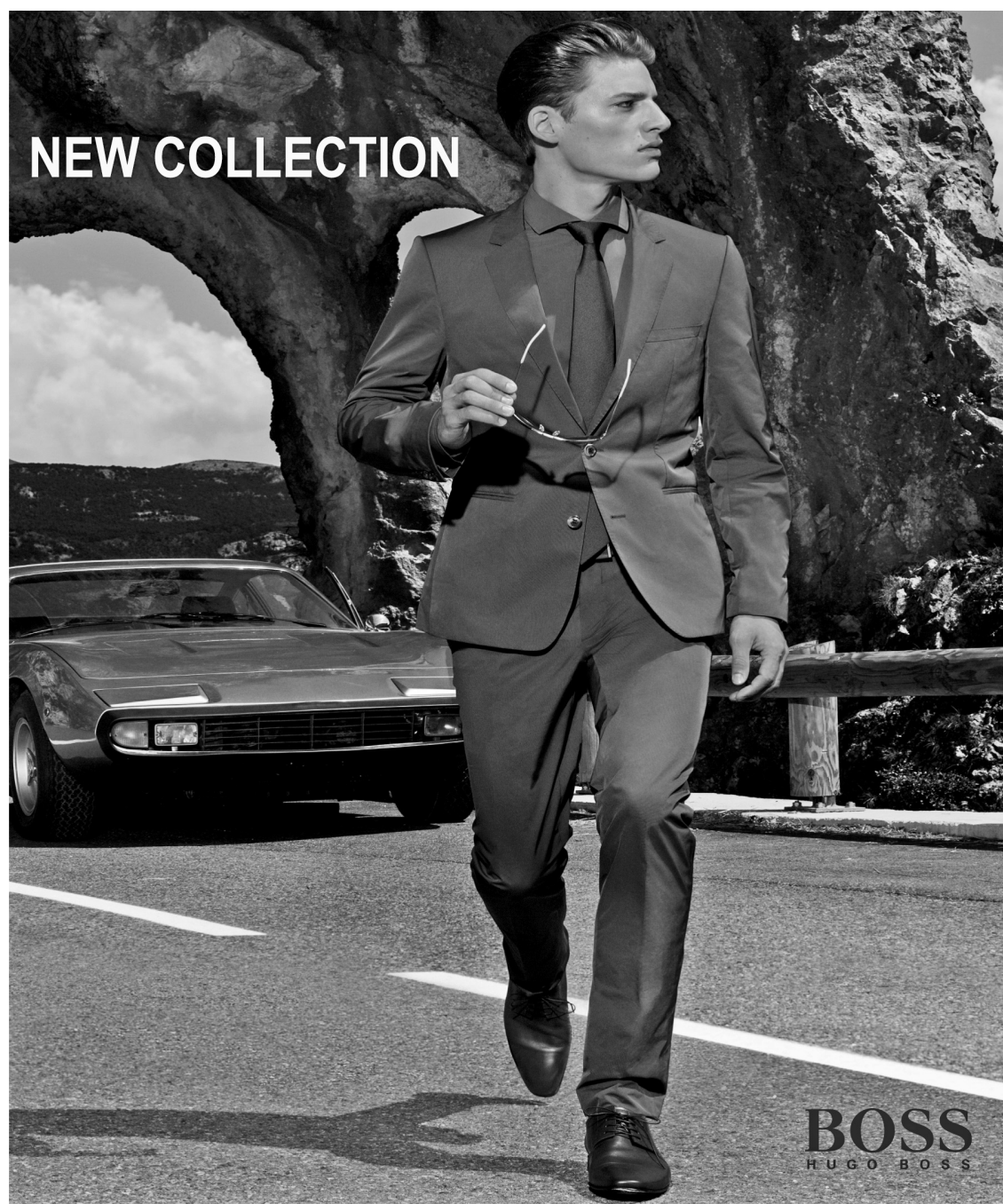
Meantime, growing numbers of Latin American and Caribbean college students are going to Cuba, according to UNESCO's "Global Education Digest 2008." While the United States remains the leading destination for students from Latin American and Caribbean countries, Cuba is already the No. 1 destination for students from five countries in the region, and the No. 2 destination for another 13 countries. Among them:

- Bolivia has 4,800 college students in Cuba, 1,030 in the United States, and 490 in Argentina.
- Paraguay has 865 college students in Cuba, 390 in Argentina and 330 in the United States.
- Uruguay has 780 college students in Cuba, 530 in the United States and 500 in Argentina.
- Nicaragua has nearly 850 college students in Cuba, 425 in the United States and 287 in Costa Rica. Cuba is the second largest foreign study destination for university students from Venezuela (3,850), Honduras (940), Guatemala (670), El Salvador (708), Panama (500) and Costa Rica (250), among others. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Howard L. Berman, D-Calif., who sponsored the bill passed last week, told me in a telephone interview that chances that the proposed legislation will be approved by the Senate are "better than 50-50."

When I told Berman about the number of Latin American and Caribbean countries that have Cuba as one of the top destinations for their university students, he said, "That's a fascinating figure. We need to rectify that." "It would be of an enormous benefit for us to increase the number of foreign students who come here," Berman told me. "It is an investment that pays long-term dividends, in terms of people who become familiar with the American people, American institutions and American values, go back home, and 10 or fifteen years later become leaders in government, business, the academic world and journalism."

My opinion: The Senate should approve the Study Abroad Act, and increase U.S. funds for foreign student exchanges.

Granted, that's hard to do at a time when many U.S. students can't pay their own tuition fees. And, granted, it's much easier to fund these programs for a dictatorship seeking international approval -- like Cuba's -- than for a democratic government that needs congressional approval to pay for these programs. And, sure, many of the foreign students in Cuba will get a Marxist education that won't help them get a job when they return home. Still, it's ironic that Cuba, one of the hemisphere's poorest countries, is competing neck and neck with the United States as one of the top destinations for foreign students from the region.



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figure is closer to 1 percent. Still, that's a low figure compared with the more than 6 percent of Norwegian college students of 2.5 percent of French students who study abroad, according to UNESCO figures. While passage of the proposal in the Senate would be a great step in advancing U.S. political and economic ties with the developing world, it would be much better if it also included plans to increase the number of foreign students coming to the United States. Right now, very few of the estimated 623,000 foreign students from all over the world, including 64,000 from Latin America and the Caribbean, study in U.S. colleges. Only 0.5 percent of foreign students in U.S. universities cite the U.S. government as their primary source of funds, while another 26 percent say their studies are mainly paid by their U.S. colleges, according to the U.S. Institute of International Education. The legislation



# The French Steakhouse delivers dining under the stars



Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.

True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East



with a sweet soy dressing. The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven! The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song. Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. [www.manchebo.com.steakhouse](http://www.manchebo.com.steakhouse)



## Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly!

## Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa deserves recognition as the home of Beach Cuisine.

Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a Sun Splashed menu on the ocean front terrace, raising the bar to a must-visit, must-try status.

The contemporary menu, lists many favorite dishes from



around the world, borrowing inspiration from US, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek and Mediterranean kitchens, all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

From Sun-Sational Salads, to Cuban pressed jawbreakers and wraps, mid-day platters also

include oversize Beef Burgers, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches and Hot Dogs.

The Pega Pega tropical & frozen cocktail list, with fresh fruit or ice cream smoothies, daiquiris, coladas and margaritas, leaves nothing out, including Yellow Birds, Sex on the Beach and Mudslides, making a lunch-time brain-freeze, extremely easy to get!

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In this photo taken Tuesday, May 26, 2009, people dig for razor clams on the beach of Ninilchik, Alaska, as Redoubt volcano vents steam on the other side of Cook Inlet. Divers have begun removing fuel from an oil field supply ship that sank in the Cook Inlet five months ago, but the work was soon halted when the inlet's extreme tides started rocking a vessel being used as a staging area. Divers on Sunday pumped out about 1,000 gallons of an estimated 30,000 gallons of diesel on board the sunken Monarch, according to a spokesman for the owner of the 166-foot vessel.

Associated Press

## CIA head says Cheney almost wishing U.S. be attacked



In this June 11, 2009 file photo, CIA Director Leon Panetta speaks during a National Italian-American Foundation luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director Leon Panetta says former Vice President Dick Cheney's criticism of the Obama administration's approach to terrorism almost

suggests "he's wishing that this country would be attacked again, in order to make his point."

Panetta told The New Yorker

for an article in its June 22 issue that Cheney "smells some blood in the water" on the issue of national security. Cheney has said in several interviews that he thinks Obama is making the U.S. less safe. He has been critical of Obama for ordering the closure of the detention facility at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, halting enhanced interrogations of suspected terrorists and reversing other Bush administration initiatives he says helped to prevent attacks on the U.S. Last month the former vice president offered a withering critique of Obama's policies and a defense of the Bush administration on the same day that Obama made a major speech about national security.

## Co-op compromise gives White House a health option



In this photograph from video provided by CNN, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius appears on CNN's "State of the Union" in Washington, Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Associated Press

PHILIP ELLIOTT  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — With Republicans fighting the idea of a government-run health insurance plan, Obama administration officials say that they are open to a compromise as Congress begins work this week on putting President Barack Obama's goal of universal health coverage into law.

About 50 million of America's 306 million people are without health insurance. The government provides coverage for the poor and elderly, but most Americans

rely on private insurance, usually received through their employers. However, not all employers provide insurance and not everyone can afford to buy it for themselves. The administration's compromise would expand coverage with taxpayer money but without direct governmental control. The concessions could be the smoothest way to deliver the bipartisan health care legislation the administration seeks by its self-imposed August deadline, officials said.

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## Netanyahu endorses Palestinian independence

JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu endorsed a Palestinian state beside Israel for the first time on Sunday, reversing himself in the face of U.S. pressure but attaching conditions like demilitarization that the Palestinians swiftly rejected.

A week after President Barack Obama's address to the Muslim world, Netanyahu said the Palestinian state would have to be unarmed and recognize Israel as the Jewish state — a condition amounting to Palestinian refugees giving up the goal of returning to Israel. With those conditions, he said, he could accept "a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state."

The West Bank-based Palestinian government dismissed the proposal as an attempt to determine the outcome of negotiations while maintaining Israeli settlements, refusing compromise over Jerusalem and ignoring the issue of borders. They also said that demilitarization would solidify Israeli control over them.

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# Biden says 'everyone guessed wrong' on jobs number

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden said Sunday that “everyone guessed wrong” on the impact of the economic stimulus, but he defended the administration’s spending designed to combat rising joblessness.

Biden said inaccuracies in unemployment predictions should not undercut the White House’s support of the \$787 billion economic revival plan that has not met the expectations of President Barack Obama’s team. Instead, the vice president urged skeptics to look at teachers who kept their classroom assignments and police officers who kept their beats because of financial assistance from Washington. “The bottom line is that jobs are being created that would not have been there before,” Biden said.

But they are not coming at the pace first estimated. Just 10 days before taking office, Obama’s top economic advisers released a report



Vice President Joe Biden, center, flanked by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, left, and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, speaks at a roundtable discussion to discuss high speed rail, Wednesday, June 3, 2009, in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington. Associated Press

predicting unemployment would remain at 8 percent or below through this year if an economic stimulus plan won congressional approval.

Yet the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that unemployment in May rose

to 9.4 percent.

Biden said the White House is keenly aware of the gap between the rhetoric used to sell fast passage of the legislation and the reality that has 14.5 million people unemployed. The

administration had predicted that the stimulus bill would create or save as many as 3.5 million jobs.

“No one realized how bad the economy was. The projections, in fact, turned out to be worse. But we took

the mainstream model as to what we thought — and everyone else thought — the unemployment rate would be,” Biden said.

Those projects came from a report co-written by Biden’s chief economist, Jared Bernstein. Last week, Bernstein briefed reporters on the stimulus spending and insisted the report was in line with others’ research, but not aligned with reality.

“At the time our forecast seemed reasonable. Now, looking back, it was clearly too optimistic,” he told reporters last Monday.

The White House has tapped Biden as its chief spokesman on that economic stimulus plan, sending him across the country to drum up support for a plan that has yet to make the impact it promised. On Thursday and Friday, Biden visited Pennsylvania, Kansas and Michigan to highlight projects the stimulus has funded.

The vice president said losses each month have dropped, although the economy is still losing jobs.

“Can I claim credit that all of that’s due to the recovery package? No. But it clearly has had an impact,” Biden said.

Biden said the estimates were based on standard economic models.

“Everyone guessed wrong at the time the estimate was made about what the state of the economy was at the moment this was passed,” Biden said.

Biden appeared Sunday on NBC television’s “Meet the Press” from his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware.



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## Future of feminism an issue in NOW leadership vote

By DAVID CRARY

AP National Writer

**NEW YORK** — After years on the defensive during the Bush administration, the National Organization for Women is elated to have a president sharing many of its goals. Yet NOW heads into its own leadership contest — a sharp contrast of age and race — mindful of the need to energize its ranks.

Kim Gandy, a savvy former prosecutor, is stepping down as NOW president after eight years leading the battle against many Bush-era policies.

The election to succeed her, set for NOW's three-day national conference starting Friday in Indianapolis, is both an unusual clash of generations and an opportunity for activists to confront some of the challenges facing the feminist movement.

Delegates will be choosing between Latifa Lyles, a 33-year-old African-American who has been one of Gandy's three vice presidents, and Terry O'Neill, 56, a white activist who taught law at Tulane University, who was NOW's vice president for membership from 2001-05, and who most recently has been chief of staff for a county council member in Maryland's Montgomery County.

The two have waged a polite campaign but are aware of the contrasts. Lyles would be NOW's youngest president ever; O'Neill one of the oldest at the start of a term.

Gandy speaks respectfully of O'Neill, but she has enthusiastically endorsed Lyles.

"It's hard to ignore the fact there's been a generational shift in the country, and an organization that doesn't recognize that is living in the past," Gandy said. "Latifa's

youth is not a detriment, but an advantage. ... She'll take NOW to a different level."

Yet one of NOW's three current vice presidents — Olga Vives — is backing O'Neill, as are former NOW president Patricia Ireland and many other NOW regional leaders. Both contenders expect the election to be close, and both are promoting themselves as best able to bolster NOW's membership.

"We are not the strongest grass-roots movement we can be — we both agree on that," Lyles said. "The question is how we deal with that."

Noting that she contrasts with NOW's mostly white and over-40 membership, Lyles said she could help give NOW a new image of youth and diversity that would appeal to younger feminists and reinvigorate the broader movement.

"The profile of NOW is just as important as the work we do," she said. "There are a lot of

antiquated notions about what feminism is."

O'Neill, in turn, says she has the edge over Lyles in regard to grass-roots organizing and membership recruitment.

"I keep hearing 'Terry, I want to see more activism in my community,'" O'Neill said.

"The press releases, the media exposure, invitations to the White House — these are excellent things, but they're not enough. The grass roots are not personally engaged."

Like many feminists, O'Neill said she is still celebrating Barack Obama's election as president — and his appointments of numerous veterans of the women's movement to key posts in his administration.

"But even with a friend in the White House and a lot of friends in the Congress, it's going to take well-organized, grass-roots movement to advance our agenda," O'Neill said.



This May 26, 2009 photo provided by Terry O'Neill's campaign shows O'Neill, center, at an equal marriage rally in Washington. O'Neill is one of two candidates vying to succeed National Organization of Women president Kim Gandy.

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## Health option

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“There is no one-size-fits-all idea,” Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said. “The president has said, ‘These are the kinds of goals I’m after: lowering costs, covering all Americans, higher-quality care.’ And around those goals, there are lots of ways to get there.”

Some of those ways, though, run counter to the White House’s earlier positions and those of Obama’s political base. While supporters from Obama’s left have advocated a government-run option — championed by an ailing Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his surrogate, Sen. Chris Dodd, both Democrats — presidential aides and congressional leaders in both parties have sought a speedy compromise.

Leading that pack: the

cooperative approach, similar to rural utilities that have government financial support but operate independently. Sen. Kent Conrad, the Democrat who chairs the Budget Committee, has offered the co-op idea as a way to avoid a bruising and protracted political wrangle in Congress.

“This really isn’t, to me, a matter of right or wrong,” Conrad said. “This is a matter of: Where are the votes in the United States Senate?”

That political situation has guided most of the talks. While Democrats control both chambers of Congress, they have only 59 senators — one short of the number needed to stop Republican stalling tactics in the 100-seat Senate.

To offset the numeric challenge, Conrad proposed a compromise that drew interest from moderate Republicans, including one

who helped Obama pass his economic stimulus plan over her party’s objection.

“It’s far preferable to the government-run plan that has been discussed by the administration,” said Republican Sen. Susan Collins. “We need to better understand how it would work. But it’s certainly better than a Washington-run plan.”

Obama’s political team at the White House has seen such a compromise as an option, although publicly the administration remains in support of a government competitor to private insurance. But during appearances on Sunday news programs, the support seemed to waver.

Sebelius said, “Having these ideas on the table is exactly where we need to be right now.”

But most Republicans don’t support a government health



Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn, center, speaks on the passage of legislation that gives the government control over the production and marketing of tobacco products, Thursday, June 11, 2009, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., Dodd, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. Associated Press

care plan.

“I think that, for virtually every Republican, a government plan is a nonstarter,” said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican. “There are a whole lot of other things we can agree to do on a bipartisan basis that will dramatically improve our system.”

To reach a bipartisan solution

— something the White House has emphasized — Democrats were likely to make concessions to find the \$1 trillion the plan would cost over the next decade.



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# Tides stymie fuel removal from sunken vessel

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Divers have begun removing fuel from an oil field supply ship that sank in the Cook Inlet five months ago, but the work was soon halted when the inlet's extreme tides started rocking a vessel being used as a staging area. Divers on Sunday pumped out about 1,000 gallons of an estimated 30,000 gallons of diesel on board the sunken Monarch, according to a spokesman for the owner of the 166-foot vessel. But after the tides shifted, one of the anchors of the offshore supply ship Perseverance broke free from the sea floor, swaying the vessel from position. "It's like anchoring in a river, but the river reverses its flow every six hours. The velocity of the tide is always changing and the direction, too, going

in and out every six hours," said Jim Butler, a spokesman for Monarch's owner, Ocean Marine Services Inc. of Kirkland, Washington. Crews pulled the two anchors and released a mooring line attached from the stern to the leg of an oil rig platform operated by Chevron Corp. The 207-foot Perseverance, which had been positioned over the sunken vessel, was taken to a sheltered bay while responders reviewed their mooring options. Possibilities being discussed include dropping more anchors from other sections, repositioning the Perseverance or obtaining a different ship, Butler said. The Monarch sank Jan. 15 when it was pinned by sea ice to the Granite Point platform during a delivery of supplies. About 3,500 gallons of diesel and hydraulic oil spilled during the mishap.

The vessel settled upside down on the sea bed near the platform, which is in the northern section of Cook Inlet about 45 miles southwest of Anchorage. Responders, including state environmental regulators, warned last week about the challenges of working in conditions of the inlet. An oil spill response vessel and crew are standing by during the operation, which is expected to take more than a month. "It is hard to exaggerate the difficulty of this fuel recovery operation," Gary Folley with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation said in a prepared statement. "Tidal currents in Cook Inlet are among the highest in the world, visibility for the divers is near zero, and the wreck is upside down." Butler said Sunday's initial diesel recovery demonstrated the defueling system works.



Tony Palmer, TransCanada vice president of Alaska Development, front, answers questions about the company's partnership with ExxonMobil to work on a pipeline proposed to carry North Slope natural gas to markets in the Lower 48 during a news conference in Anchorage, Alaska Thursday, June 11, 2009. Marty Massey, U.S. Joint Interest manager, ExxonMobil Production Company; right, and State of Alaska Commissioner Tom Irwin, Department of Natural Resources, listen.

## Fiery Calif. freeway crash kills trucker

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A tanker truck hauling 8,000 gallons of ethanol crashed and exploded into an inferno that sent a river of fire into storm drains, killed the driver and blocked major highways. Witnesses said the heat from the blazing ethanol, or ethyl alcohol, was so intense it melted guardrails, and all that remained of the truck were its axles and small portions of the cab.

The truck crashed around 6 p.m. Saturday, hitting the side rail of eastbound State Route 91 at the transition to Interstate 710, the Long Beach Fire Department said in a statement. The cause of the crash was under investigation. A huge fireball enveloped the I-710 overpasses, Long Beach Fire Department Capt. Jackawa Jackson said. Officials worried the fire may have weakened the elevated stretch of road, the fire

department said. However, the interstate was reopened several hours after the crash and all but one lane of the state route were open to traffic Sunday, the California Highway Patrol said. A stream of burning alcohol

flowed from the tanker into a storm drain, shooting plumes of flame 20 feet in the air from other storm drains. Firefighters snuffed the flames with foam, Jackson said. The driver's name was not immediately released.

that we keep in mind safety," Butler said. "These divers are going down, working in an environment they can't see, to try to access fuel tanks on a ship that's upside down."



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An ultra-Orthodox Jewish right-wing protester stands next to a poster showing US President Barack Obama wearing an Arab headdress outside the venue where Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a speech at Bar Ilan University, near Tel Aviv, Sunday, June 14, 2009. Netanyahu on Sunday called for creation of a limited Palestinian state for the first time, saying it would have to be disarmed. Netanyahu made the call during a major policy speech about his Mideast peacemaking intentions. Associated Press

## Palestinian Independence

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Netanyahu, in an address seen as his response to Obama, refused to heed the U.S. call for an immediate freeze of construction on lands Palestinians claim for their future state. He also said the holy city of Jerusalem must remain under Israeli sovereignty. "Netanyahu's speech closed the door to permanent status negotiations," senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said. "We ask the world not to be fooled by his use of the term Palestinian state because he qualified it. He declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel, said refugees would not be negotiated and that settlements would remain."

But in Washington, the White House said Obama welcomed the speech as an "important step forward."

Netanyahu's address had been eagerly anticipated in the wake of Obama's landmark speech to the Muslim world.

His speech was a dramatic transformation for a man who was raised on a fiercely nationalistic ideology and has spent a two-decade political career criticizing peace efforts.

Many Israeli commentators speculated that after the re-election of Iran's hardline

president, Netanyahu would focus the address on the threat of Iran's suspect nuclear program. While reiterating his belief that a nuclear-armed Iran is a grave threat, Netanyahu spent little time on the issue.

"I call on you, our Palestinian neighbors, and to the leadership of the Palestinian Authority: Let us begin peace negotiations immediately, without preconditions," he said, calling on the wider Arab world to work with him. "Let's make peace. I am willing to meet with you any time any place — in Damascus, Riyadh, Beirut and in Jerusalem."

Since assuming office in March, Netanyahu has been caught between American demands to begin peace talks with the Palestinians and the constraints of a hardline coalition. With his speech, he appeared to favor Israel's all-important relationship with the U.S. at the risk of destabilizing his government.

Netanyahu laid out his vision in a half-hour speech broadcast nationwide during prime time. He spoke at Bar-Ilan University, known as a bastion of the Israeli right-wing establishment, and his call for establishing a Palestinian state was greeted with lukewarm applause.

As Netanyahu spoke, two small groups of protesters demonstrated at the entrance to the university. Several dozen hard-liners held up posters showing Obama wearing an Arab headdress and shouted slogans against giving up West Bank territory. Across from them, a few dozen dovish Israelis and foreign backers chanted slogans including "two states for two peoples" and "stop the occupation."

Police kept the two groups apart. The Palestinians demand all of the West Bank as part of a future state, with east Jerusalem as their capital. Israel captured both areas in the 1967 Mideast war.

Netanyahu, leader of the hardline Likud Party, has always resisted withdrawing from these lands, for both security and ideological reasons. In his speech, he repeatedly made references to Judaism's connection to the biblical Land of Israel.

"Our right to form our sovereign state here in the land of Israel stems from one simple fact. The Land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish people," he said.

But Netanyahu also said that Israel must recognize that millions of Palestinians live in the West Bank, and continued control over these people is undesirable. "In my vision, there are two free peoples living side by side each with each other, each with its

own flag and national anthem," he said.

Netanyahu has said he fears the West Bank could follow the path of the Gaza Strip — which the Palestinians also claim for their future state. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, and Hamas militants now control the area, often firing rockets into southern Israel.

"In any peace agreement, the territory under Palestinian control must be disarmed, with solid security guarantees for Israel," he said.

"If we get this guarantee for demilitarization and necessary security arrangements for Israel, and if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people, we will be willing in a real peace agreement to reach a solution of a demilitarized Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state," he said.

Netanyahu became the latest in a series of Israeli hard-liners to soften their positions after assuming office. Earlier this decade, then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon led Israel out of Gaza before suffering a debilitating stroke. His successor, Ehud Olmert, spoke eloquently of the need to withdraw from the West Bank, though a corruption scandal a disastrous war in Lebanon prevented him from carrying out that vision.

Netanyahu gave no indication as to how much captured land he would be willing to relinquish. However, he ruled out a division of Jerusalem, saying, "Israel's capital will remain united."

Netanyahu also made no mention of uprooting Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Nearly 300,000 Israelis live in the West Bank, in addition to 180,000 Israelis living in Jewish neighborhoods built in east Jerusalem. He also said that existing settlements should be allowed to grow — a position opposed by the U.S.

"We have no intention to build new settlements or expropriate land for expanding existing settlements. But there is a need to allow residents to lead a normal life. Settlers are not the enemy of the nation and are not the enemy of peace — they are our brothers and sisters," he said.

Netanyahu also said the Palestinians must recognize Israel as a Jewish state. The Palestinians have refused to do so, fearing it would amount to giving up the rights of millions of refugees and their descendants and be discriminatory to Israel's own Arab minority.

Erekat said Netanyahu's plan was unacceptable since it effectively imposes a solution on the core issues of the conflict.



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# Ahmadinejad opponents shout protests from rooftops

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Associated Press Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Protesters battled police over Iran's disputed election and shouted their opposition from the rooftops, but President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dismissed the unrest as little more than "passions after a soccer match" and drew his own huge rally of support.

Just after sundown Sunday, cries of "death to the dictator" echoed through Tehran as thousands of backers for Ahmadinejad's rival, Mir Hossein Mousavi, heeded a call to bellow from the roofs and balconies. The deeply symbolic act recalled the shouts of "Allahu Akbar," or God is Great, to show opposition to the Western-backed monarchy before the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The scenes summed up the showdown over the disputed elections: an outwardly confident Ahmadinejad exerted control, while Mousavi showed no sign of backing down and could be staking out a new role as powerful opposition voice.

His charges that Friday's vote was riddled by fraud brought sympathetic statements from Vice President Joe Biden and other leaders. Mousavi made a direct appeal with Iran's ruling clerics to annul the result, but his chances were considered remote.

With his wide network of young and middle-class backers, Mousavi could emerge as a leader for Iran's liberal ranks and bring internal pressure on Ahmadinejad and Iran's theocracy to adopt less confrontational policies toward the West.

But the struggle Sunday was on the streets in the worst unrest in Tehran since student-led protests 10 years ago.

Demonstrators were back on the streets with the same tactics: torching bank facades and trash bins, smashing store windows and hurling rocks at anti-riot squads in Tehran. Police responded with baton-wielding sweeps — sometimes targeting bystanders — and the regime shut down text messaging systems and pro-reform Internet sites.

There was no official word on casualties.

Authorities had detained top Mousavi aides, including the head of his Web campaign, but many were released Sunday after being held overnight.

Iran's deputy police chief, Ahmad Reza Radan, told the official Islamic Republic News Agency that about 170 people have been

arrested. It was not known how many remained in custody.

Mousavi has urged his supporters to channel their anger into peaceful acts of dissent. But the official clampdown on the Internet links blunted the reach of the message. At the same time, Mousavi went to the pinnacle of power to try to reverse the election decision.

In a letter to the Guardian Council — a powerful 12-member clerical body closely allied to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — he claimed "fraud is evident."

The letter, posted on Mousavi's Web site that is accessible outside Iran, didn't specify his allegations but claimed that his envoys were unfairly blocked from monitoring polling stations. Iran does not allow outside or independent election observers. The Guardian Council must certify all election counts.

Mousavi later met Khamenei — who has almost limitless power — to press his appeal, said Shahab Tabatabaei, a prominent activist in Mousavi's pro-reform camp.

It was likely a long-shot mission by Mousavi, 67, who served as prime minister in the 1980s. Khamenei has already given his blessing to the election outcome and it would be extraordinary for him to publicly change his position.

In a news conference, Ahmadinejad called the level of violence "not important from my point of view" and likened it to the intensity after a soccer game.

"Some believed they would win, and then they got angry," he said. "It has no legal credibility. It is like the passions after a soccer match. ... The margin between my votes and the others is too much and no one can question it."

"In Iran, the election was a real and free one," he told a room packed with Iranian and foreign media.

But Ahmadinejad also accused international media of launching a "psychological war" against the country.

Iranian authorities have asked some foreign journalists who were in Iran to cover the elections to prepare to leave. Nabil Khatib, executive news editor for Dubai-based news network Al Arabiya, said the station's correspondent in Tehran was given a verbal order Sunday from Iranian authorities that the office will be closed for one week.

No reason was given for the



**Iranian supporters of reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi gather on the streets protesting the declared results of the Iranian presidential election in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, June 13, 2009. Iranian riot police have clashed with supporters of the main opposition candidate in disputed presidential elections.**

Associated Press

order, but the station was warned several times Saturday that they need to be careful in reporting "chaos" accurately.

A sustained and growing backlash to Iran's power could complicate the country's policies at a pivotal time.

President Barack Obama has offered to open dialogue after a nearly 30-year diplomatic freeze. Iran also is under growing pressure to make concessions on its nuclear program or face possible more international sanctions.

On NBC television's "Meet the Press," Biden said: "Is this the result of the Iranian people's wishes? The hope is that the Iranian people, all their votes have been counted, they've been counted fairly. But look, we just don't know enough" since Friday's vote.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said his country is "very worried" about the situation in Iran and criticized the "somewhat brutal reaction" to the election protests.

But both U.S.-backed governments flanking Iran — Afghanistan and Iraq — issued congratulations.

In Tehran, the day was marked by competing protests from both sides.

Less than a 10-minute walk from Ahmadinejad's news conference, protesters raged through streets and lit piles of tires as flaming barricades to block police. About 300 Mousavi supporters gathered outside Sharif University, chanting

"Where are our votes?"

By mid-afternoon, tens of thousands of Ahmadinejad supporters filled Vali Asr Street — the same place a massive pre-election rally was

held by Mousavi last week. Ahmadinejad's forces waved Iranian flags and green Islamic banners, an obvious response to Mousavi's campaign that adopted green as its trademark color.

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# N.Korea warns of nuclear war amid rising tensions

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Associated Press Writer  
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president ordered his top security officials Sunday to deal "resolutely and squarely" with new North Korean warnings of a nuclear war on the eve of his U.S. visit. In Washington, Vice President Joe Biden said "God only knows" what North Korea wants from the latest showdown. President Lee Myung-bak travels to Washington on Monday for talks with President Barack Obama that are expected to focus on the North's rogue nuclear and missile programs. The trip comes after North Korea's Foreign Ministry threatened war with any country that stops its ships on the high seas under new sanctions approved by the U.N. Security Council in response to its May 25 nuclear test. It also vowed Saturday to "weaponize" all its plutonium and acknowledged a long-suspected uranium enrichment program for

the first time. Both plutonium and uranium are key ingredients of atomic bombs. A commentary published Saturday in the North's state-run Tongil Sinbo weekly claimed the U.S. was deploying a vast number of nuclear weapons in South Korea and Japan. North Korea "is completely within the range of U.S. nuclear attack and the Korean peninsula is becoming an area where the chances of a nuclear war are the highest in the world," it said. Kim Yong-kyu, a spokesman at the U.S. military command in Seoul, denied the allegation, saying the U.S. no longer has nuclear bombs in South Korea. U.S. tactical nuclear weapons were removed from South Korea in 1991 as part of arms reductions following the Cold War. President Lee summoned his top security ministers Sunday and ordered them to "resolutely and squarely cope" with the North's threats, his office said. The

Unification Ministry, responsible for ties with the North, issued a statement demanding that it stop inflaming tension and resume talks with the South. "North Korea should give up its nuclear program ... and stop any kind of military threat," it said. "We urge North Korea to respond in a sincere dialogue to improve South-North Korean relations." The new U.N. sanctions approved Friday are aimed at depriving the North of the financing used to build its nuclear program. They also authorize searches of North Korean ships suspected of transporting illicit ballistic missile and nuclear materials. Biden told NBC's "Meet the Press" that it's crucial that the U.S. and other nations "make sure those sanctions stick." North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Il, reportedly had a stroke 10 months ago and analysts believe there may be a plan in place to name his inexperienced 26-year-old son, Kim Jong Un, as the future



**Pro-North Korean activists hold banners during a rally celebrating the ninth anniversary of the June 2000 summit between then-South Korean President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, in front of the Unification Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, June 14, 2009. About 100 demonstrators opposed the adoption of a new U.N. Security Council resolution Saturday punishing North Korea for its recent nuclear test. The letters read "Peaceful unification of the Korean peninsula, led by Korean people." Associated Press**

leader. "God only knows what he wants," Biden said of Kim. "There's all kinds of discussions. Whether this is about succession, wanting his son to succeed him. Whether or not he's looking for respect. Whether or not he really wants a nuclear capability to threaten the region. ... We can't

guess his motives. "We just have to deal with the reality that a North Korea that is either proliferating weapons and or missiles, or a North Korea that is using those weapons ... is a serious danger and threat to the world, and particularly East Asia," the vice president said.



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# UK reports its first death by H1N1 virus

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LONDON (AP) — A person with other health problems died of swine flu in Scotland — the first reported death from the illness outside the Americas, health officials said.

Britain has been harder hit by the virus — known as H1N1— than elsewhere in Europe. Earlier Sunday, Britain had reported another 61 cases of swine flu, bringing the country's total to 1,226 cases.

“Tragic though today's death is, I would like to emphasize that the vast majority of those who have H1N1 are suffering from relatively mild symptoms,” Scottish Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon said. “I would reiterate that the risk

to the general public remains low and we can all play our part in slowing the spread of the virus by following simple hygiene procedures.”

Now that swine flu has officially been declared to be a pandemic, or global outbreak, health authorities expect to see more cases and deaths worldwide. The World Health Organization said last week that the virus has not become any more lethal, but is now unstoppable.

So far, swine flu appears to be a relatively mild virus, and most people who get it do not need treatment to get better. About half the people who have died from swine flu have had other health conditions including pregnancy, obesity, diabetes, or asthma.

“The patient had underlying

health conditions,” the government statement announcing the death on Sunday said, without saying what they were.

Scotland's government said the patient was one of 10 people being treated for the influenza at a hospital. The statement did not identify the patient or the hospital.

It was the first death from the H1N1 strain of influenza reported outside the Americas, according to the World Health Organization in Geneva or the European Centers for Disease Control in Stockholm, which both keep tabs on confirmed cases of swine flu around the world.

The latest WHO report, released on Friday, said 74 countries have reported 29,669 cases of swine flu, including



145 deaths. Fatalities had occurred in eight countries in the Americas: Mexico, the United States, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

Last week, the WHO declared the flu a pandemic. WHO said it expected further cases — and deaths — to occur as the pandemic plays out over the next few years.

Hugh Pennington, a bacteriologist at Aberdeen University, said the underlying conditions are likely to have been a “significant factor”

in the death because it raises the odds the patient will have difficulties.

“It makes it more likely that they will get the serious form of the virus in the first place,” he said. “If your lungs are already only working at half capacity when the virus kicks in and takes half of what is left, you will be left teetering on the edge.”

Pennington said that while the death was unfortunate, it was “quite unremarkable” given the number of reported cases and compared favorably to ordinary seasonal flu.



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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Kobe Bryant, Lakers capture 15th NBA Championship

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kobe Bryant has the NBA title he needed most — the one without Shaq.

Bryant's seven-year chase of a coveted championship is over. He's got his fourth, and Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson his record 10th, a ring for each finger. One year after failing in the finals, Bryant and the Lakers have redemption, and all the rewards that go with it. They earned their 15th title on Sunday night as Bryant scored 30 points and Pau Gasol added 14 and 15 rebounds in a 99-86 win in Game 5 over the Orlando Magic, who ran



The Los Angeles Lakers pass around the trophy after winning the NBA basketball finals Sunday, June 14, 2009, in Orlando, Fla. The Lakers beat the Orlando Magic 99-86 in Game 5 to take the 2009 NBA Championship. Associated Press

out of comebacks.

It took longer than Bryant expected, but he has stepped out of former teammate Shaquille O'Neal's enormous shadow — at last. His fourth championship secured a strong case can be made for Bryant being the league's best player since Michael Jordan hung up his sneakers.

His coach stands alone.

Jackson, the chilled-out, bow-legged Zen Master who won six league titles in the 1990s with Jordan in Chicago, now has won No. 4 with Los Angeles and broke a tie with legendary Boston coach Red Auerbach as the winningest coach in finals history.

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### Gay wins St.Jude wire-to-wire, Earns U.S. Open berth



Brian Gay holds his trophy after winning the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, June 14, 2009. Gay shot a 4-under par 66 for an 18-under 262 total to win the tournament and clinched a spot in the U.S. Open.

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TERESA M. WALKER  
AP Sports Writer  
MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Brian Gay played his way into the U.S. Open in his last possible chance, beating David Toms and Bryce Molder by five strokes to complete a wire-to-wire victory at the St. Jude Classic on Sunday.

Gay earned his second win in his last five events and third of his career to grab the Open exemption at Bethpage Black as a multiple winner in the last calendar year. He grabbed the \$1,008,000 winner's check at TPC Southwind in runaway style, too.

Gay led by only a stroke after each of the first three rounds, then shot a third

straight 4-under 66 to pull away. He birdied three of the first six holes to take all the suspense out of the final round, and birdied the 18th to finish at 18-under 262. Phil Mickelson, in his first event since announcing wife Amy has breast cancer, and John Daly, returning from a six-month PGA Tour suspension, tied for 59th at

1 over. Mickelson closed with a 75, and Daly shot a 70.

Toms finished with a 65, and Molder had a 70. John Senden (64), Paul Goydos (68) and Robert Allenby (69) tied for fourth at 12 under.

"It was a pretty good golf tournament except for one guy stealing the show," said Toms, the tournament winner in 2003 and 2004.

It wasn't as large a victory as April when Gay won by 10 at Hilton Head. It just felt like that on a day where no one could get close enough on wet fairways that stopped balls with almost no roll. Officials had moved up the start by four hours hoping to beat incoming storms that popped up in the morning to delay the start of the final round — by four hours. It didn't rain again.

And Gay put away the win with his putter.

He needed only 100 putts to become only the fourth wire-to-wire winner in the tournament's 52-year history and the first since Justin Leonard in 2005. The others include Bob Estes in 2001 and Dave Hill in 1967 — back when the event was played at old

Colonial.

Gay originally planned to be off during the Open after he failed by three strokes in qualifying. Now he has become the fifth with two wins on tour this year, joining Mickelson, Zach Johnson, Geoff Ogilvy and Tiger Woods.

Gay started moving away on the par-3 fourth. After his tee shot landed near the pin and rolled 20 feet past, he rolled in the birdie putt to reach 16 under. Molder hit into a bunker and bogeyed — a swing that gave Gay a four-stroke lead. Gay rolled in a 30-footer on No. 6 and a 17-footer on No. 9 for birdies.

The club let him down on his two bogeys.

He found a greenside bunker pin-high on No. 7 and blasted out to 15 feet but two-putted. He missed a 9-footer for par on No. 10.

But Gay made up for that by sticking an iron a foot away for birdie on the par-3 11th — the island green — for birdie to go back to 17 under.

From there on, Gay parred six straight holes before finishing in style. He stuck an iron 163 yards from the fairway to 5 feet of the pin on No. 18, then stroked in his

27th putt of the round for birdie. He celebrated with a fist pump, a high-five with his caddie and hugs and kisses from his young daughters.

Mickelson spent the week trying to figure out how to play golf and deal with all the emotions resulting from his wife's illness. He accomplished that even if the results on course didn't. He started the final round 10 strokes and shot the 75 that featured a triple bogey, three bogeys and three birdies.

"I needed to get a little bit of play in, see where my game was at and get back on the golf course in a competitive frame of mind if I was going to have a chance next week," Mickelson said. "I'm looking forward to next week's U.S. Open."

Now he wants to focus on his putting after needing 120 putts here.

Six children treated at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital met him coming off the 18th green wearing shirts and a banner that read "Thinking of Amy." The hospital is this event's lone charity.



*Interleague Roundup*

# Yankees rough up Santana, rout Mets 15-0

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter and the Yankees hammered pitcher Johan Santana in a 15-0 thrashing of the Mets on Sunday for the biggest blowout in Subway Series history.

Jeter hit all four pitches he faced and the Yankees got two-run homers from Hideki Matsui and Robinson Cano in a nine-run fourth inning, chasing Santana early to take two of three in a testy interleague baseball series at Yankee Stadium.

Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez shouted at Yankees reliever Brian Bruney in left field during batting practice and the two were separated by teammates, one day after they exchanged barbs through the media.

The Yankees needed only four innings to set a season high for runs in a game, building a huge cushion for A.J. Burnett (5-3). They finished with 17 hits, three by No. 9 batter Francisco Cervelli, and pulled several stars before the seventh.

Phillies 11, Red Sox 6

At Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins homered as part of a six-run seventh inning to help Philadelphia avoid a three-game sweep and beat Boston.

Rollins led off the seventh with a tiebreaking home run off Josh Beckett (7-3) that helped turn this one into a rout. Pedro Feliz added a two-RBI double, and Rollins was hit with a pitch and the bases loaded to make it 10-5.

Rollins had three RBIs to salvage the finale and help the Phillies improve to 13-16 at home.

Rockies 7, Mariners 1

At Denver, Garrett Atkins and Todd Helton had three hits each as Colorado beat Seattle to match a franchise record with their 11th straight win.

Brad Hawpe doubled twice and Clint Barmes had two hits for Colorado, which has swept three straight series and is 13-4 under interim manager Jim Tracy.

The Rockies won 11 straight from Sept. 16-27, 2007, when they surged to the National League Wild Card. They won 14 of their last 15 that season, including a one-game playoff against San Diego to win the Wild Card.

Orioles 11, Braves 2

At Baltimore, Ty Wigginton hit two home runs, Robert Andino drove in three runs and stole home and Brad Bergesen pitched his first complete game to lead Baltimore over Atlanta.

The Orioles have scored 19 runs in the past two games, after scoring just 19 runs in the previous 11 games.

The offensive revival came from some unlikely sources. Andino, who is replacing Cesar Izturis due to his recent appendectomy, had three RBIs in his first 70 at-bats. He had a bases-loaded walk in the third, and a two-run double in the fourth.

Marlins 11, Blue Jays 3

At Toronto, Ronny Paulino hit two home runs and Josh Johnson pitched his second complete game of the season as Florida beat Toronto.

The Marlins took the three-game series and won their eighth in a row overall at Toronto. The Blue Jays lost their fourth straight game and fell to 0-6 in interleague play.

Paulino went 4 for 5, scoring three runs and driving in three with his first career multihomer game. He hit a two-run drive in the second inning and added a solo shot in the ninth.

Pirates 6, Tigers 3

At Pittsburgh, Dontrelle Willis fought with his control for the third consecutive start by walking eight batters in 3 2-3 innings to lead to all of Pittsburgh past Detroit.

Robinson Diaz drove in three runs and Ross Ohlendorf (6-5) limited Detroit to one run and two hits over six innings for his first victory since May 18.

The Tigers got to within 6-3 on Don Kelly's two-run single in the seventh off Steven Jackson, but lost for the second time in the three-game interleague series during a bad weekend for Detroit teams against Pittsburgh's.

White Sox 5, Brewers 4

At Milwaukee, A.J. Pierzynski singled with two outs in the ninth inning off previously perfect Trevor Hoffman and starter Mark Buehrle hit his first career home run to lift Chicago over Milwaukee.

Corey Hart homered twice and Casey McGehee added another solo shot for the Brewers, who've lost six of seven. Milwaukee went 1-5 on its homestand.



New York Mets starting pitcher Johan Santana, right, hands the ball to Mets manager Jerry Manuel second from left, as Mets catcher Brain Schneider, left, and third baseman David Wright, center, look on in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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“I’ll smoke the cigar tonight in memory of Red,” Jackson said. “He was a great guy.”

Bryant and Jackson, whose relationship strained and briefly snapped under the weight of success, are again at the top of their games.

Together.

Nothing was going to stop Bryant, who spent the postseason scowling, snarling, baring his teeth and all but breathing fire at anything in his path. For weeks, the All-Star has worn his game face, and only when the victory was his in the final seconds did the finals MVP allow himself to smile.

After the final horn, he leaped into the air and was quickly engulfed by his teammates,

who bounced around the floor of Amway Arena. Bryant then gave a long, heartfelt hug and shared a few words with Jackson before sweeping up his daughters, both wearing gold Lakers dresses, into his arms.

Bryant had come up short twice in the finals before, in 2004 with O’Neal against Detroit, and again last season against the Celtics in the renewal of the league’s best rivalry. The Lakers were beaten in six games, losing the finale in Boston by 39 points, a humiliating beatdown that Bryant and his teammates had trouble shaking.

They went to training camp with one goal in mind. This was going to be their season, and except for a few minor missteps, it was.

“It’s so tough to win championships,” Bryant said. “We started over from scratch. Here we are again. This really feels like a dream.”

After beating Utah in the first round, Los Angeles was forced to go seven games against Houston, which lost center Yao Ming to an injury. The Lakers then took care of Denver in six games, setting up a matchup with the shoot-from-their-hips Magic, who made their first visit to the finals since O’Neal took them there in 1995.

Orlando will be haunted by moments in a series that swung on a few plays and had two overtime games.

After losing Game 1 by 25 points, the Magic had their chance in Game 2 but rookie Courtney Lee missed an alley-oop layup in the final second of regulation. In Game 4, Dwight Howard clanged two free throws with 11.1 seconds, and the Magic allowed Derek Fisher to nail a game-tying 3-pointer to force OT.

Howard, the Magic’s super hero center, was hardly a factor in Game 5. He scored 11 points, took just nine shots and never got a chance to get going. Rashard Lewis scored 18 points, but was only 3 of 12 on 3s for Orlando, which after living on the 3, finally died by it.

The Magic went just 8 of 27 from long range.

Orlando was trying to become



**Orlando Magic’s Dwight Howard, left, and Jameer Nelson sit dejectedly on the bench after losing Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals to the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday, June 14, 2009, in Orlando, Fla. The Lakers won 99-86 to take the 2009 NBA Championship. Associated Press**

the first team to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the finals. They had rallied to knock off Philadelphia and Boston, and then upset LeBron James and Cleveland in the conference finals. The Magic always felt they had a shot at history. Bryant, though, wouldn’t be denied his place.

As teammates, Bryant and O’Neal were nearly unbeatable on the court. Off it, there were problems.


The pair won three straight titles together from 2000-02, but the Bryant-O’Neal dynasty became dysfunctional as both fought for control with Jackson publicly siding with his All-Star center. It all eventually crumbled in 2004

when O’Neal was traded to the Miami Heat.


Bryant was blamed for the breakup, and as the years passed, his many critics said he couldn’t win one by himself. He couldn’t, but the addition of Gasol, who came over in a stunning trade from Memphis last season, filled O’Neal’s massive void at center and gave Bryant help.

Fisher, who has four rings himself, came back to L.A. after stints in Golden State and Utah and became a steadying force. If not for his two key 3-pointers in Game 4, this series would still be going.

The Lakers were anything but The Kobe Show.




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## Valverde wins back-to-back Dauphine Libere titles

GRENOBLE, France (AP) — Alejandro Valverde of Spain won the Dauphine Libere for the second consecutive year on Sunday. Valverde ended the 640-mile eight-day race in 26 hours, 33 minutes, 15 seconds, finishing 16 seconds ahead of Cadel Evans of Australia and 1:18 in front of Alberto Contador of Spain. Last month, the Italian Olympic Committee’s anti-doping tribunal banned Valverde for two years and barred him from competing in Italy after DNA evidence and documents allegedly showed he was involved in blood doping. He could miss the Tour, which starts July 4, because part of the route goes through Italy. “Right now, I just want to enjoy this victory. The rest is not in my hands, so just wait and see,” said Valverde, who took the leader’s jersey from Evans after Thursday’s grueling fifth stage containing the feared Mont

Ventoux. Cycling’s governing body is expected to soon announce whether it will extend Valverde’s ban worldwide, though the rider could appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Stef Clement of the Netherlands won Sunday’s eighth and final stage, a mountainous 90-mile trek from Faverges to Grenoble in the French Alps.

Timothy Duggan of the United States was second, with Sebastien Joly of France taking third. Contador said he wasn’t surprised by his third-place overall finish because he “hadn’t raced for two months,” but described the Dauphine Libere as “good preparation for the Tour.” “I will be ready for a beautiful show on July 4th,” he said.



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# Venezuela revalidó acuerdos energéticos regionales en la cumbre de Petrocaribe

BASSETERRE, San Cristóbal y Nieves (AFP) - Jefes de Estado y representantes de gobierno de los países integrantes de Petrocaribe acordaron el viernes ampliar la cooperación energética regional entre Venezuela, proveedor de hidrocarburos, y los restantes miembros del bloque.

La veintena de países que suscriben al acuerdo, creado en 2005 por el gobierno de Caracas, coincidieron en la necesidad de extender la infraestructura de distribución de crudo y derivados en la región y reforzar las inversiones en electricidad, como dos de las prioridades de desarrollo.

El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, aseguró que Venezuela puede sostener la

provisión de hidrocarburos acordada a los miembros de Petrocaribe a pesar de la crisis financiera mundial, y dijo que el esquema "será cada vez más sólido independientemente del precio del petróleo y de la situación internacional".

La iniciativa venezolana permite a los países, según el precio que tenga el crudo en el mercado, pagar hasta un 60% del petróleo que compran con un financiamiento a 25 años, con un interés de 1% anual. "El mejoramiento de la logística para distribución de crudo en la región ha llevado a un aumento de los suministros" (de más 50.000 barriles en 2005 a cerca de 200.000 barriles diarios en 2008) por parte de Venezuela a los países de Petrocaribe, dijo el ministro de Energía venezolano, Rafael

Ramírez.

El funcionario señaló que los integrantes del acuerdo decidieron ampliar y construir nuevas refinerías en puntos estratégicos del Caribe. Ental sentido, indicó que se ampliarán

refinerías existentes en Cuba, República Dominicana y Nicaragua, y se construirán nuevas refinerías en Matanzas, Cuba, en Dominica y en Haití.

En diálogo con la AFP al finalizar la cumbre, Ramírez dijo que el gobierno de



Venezuela acordó con República Dominicana la compra del 49% de las acciones de la refinería de ese país (Refidomsa). "Es parte de nuestro proyecto de ampliar la capacidad de refinación en Dominicana y el Caribe", dijo.

Sólo cuatro de los países integrantes de Petrocaribe tiene refinerías petroleras: República Dominicana, Jamaica, Cuba y Nicaragua. El resto de no recibe de Venezuela crudo sino productos refinados que resultan más caros (diesel, queroseno, gasolina, fueloil).

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